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**THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE**

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

Office of the Director

Rear Admiral E. F. Rectanus USN  
Director of Naval Intelligence  
The Pentagon  
Washington, D. C. 20350

Dear Rex:

Your memorandum of 8 February 1974 regarding the proposed "family" of National Intelligence Products highlights a number of issues with which I have long been concerned. The full and equitable participation of all interested agencies in every aspect of the intelligence process continues to be a major goal of the IC Staff.

In achieving this objective, however, we must proceed within the existing framework of the intelligence community. This requires that the Defense Intelligence Agency be considered the focal point for national level intelligence matters of interest to the Department of Defense and the intelligence components of the military services. I recognize the problems inherent in such an arrangement. I believe, however, that the solutions to these problems are properly the concern of the Director, DIA and the service intelligence chiefs.

I do not mean to imply that the views of the individual services are unwanted or unneeded in the national intelligence arena. In such matters as the preparation of special studies or NIEs, the services are afforded an equal voice and vote in the deliberations. These proceedings, however, are rarely time sensitive. In short time frames the difficulty of coordinating national intelligence increases proportionally to the number of participating agencies. In these situations, it is not possible with existing assets to address each of the services individually. We must therefore continue to rely upon the DIA to collate and present the services' contributions.

Sincerely,

(Signed)

**DANIEL O. GRAHAM, LTG, USA**

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Lieutenant General, USA

Deputy to the DCI for the  
Intelligence Community

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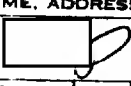
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